Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi.

Chairman, Railway Board, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

Implementation of Employment Assurance Scheme in the North-East

4194. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the achievements of Employment Assurance Scheme in the North Eastern States since its start, Statewise; and

(b) whether it is implemented through a State-level Employment Advisory Committee or through the Gram Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The information may please be seen in Annexue. [*See* Appendix 180. Annexure No. 87]

(b) The District Collector/Dy. Commissioner of the District is the "Implementing Authority" of the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and he gets the work done through implementing agencies in the district. There are district level EAS Committees and block EAS Committees to supervise the implementation of EAS in Accordance with EAS guidelines.

IRDP Plan for Vishakhapatnam

4195. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Integrated Rural Development Programme plan for Visakhapatnam;

(b) the number of beneficiaries likely to be benefited, STs, SCs ad OBCs, separately; and

(c) the period for which the programme is proposed to be funded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) IRDP is Centrally Sponsored Scheme and implemented in all the DRDAs of the States including Visakhapatnam of Andhra Pradesh. The expenditure under the Scheme is shared on 50:50 basis between the Centre and the State. During 1996-97 an amount of Rs.99.785 lakhs was released as Central Share to the DRDA Visakhapatnam against the Central Allcoation of Rs. 148.86 lakhs. The amount released is to be sent as per the annual action plan approved by the Governing Body of the DRDA.

(b) No physical targets are fixed by the Centre under the programme as the department is now laying more emphasis on per family investment by higher credit mobilisation. However, in the guidelines it has been specified that atleast 50% of the beneficiaries under the programme should be from SCs/STs. No specific targets have been stipulated for OBCs under the programe. SC/ST beneficiaries likely to be benefitted under the programme will be about 50% of the total number of IRDP beneficiaries in the district.

(c) IRDP is an on going programme and is likely to be continued during the 9th five year plan also.

CAPART Assistance to Voluntary Organisations of Gujarat

4196. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether district-wise assistance is being provided to the voluntary organisations of Gujarat;

(b) the details of complaints received so far against the voluntary